

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD POLICY

7.40010 BP

FREEDOM, DUE PROCESS, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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Reference: 7.35010 Student Code of Conduct

- I. In development of responsible student conduct, disciplinary proceedings play a role subsidiary to example, counseling, and admonition. In the exceptional circumstances when these preferred means fail to resolve problems of student conduct, proper procedural safeguards shall be observed to protect the student from the unfair imposition of serious penalties.
- II. The colleges have an obligation to indicate those standards of behavior which they consider essential to their educational mission and their academic life. These general behavioral and the resultant specific provisions shall represent a reasonable regulation of student conduct, but the student shall be free as possible from imposed limitations that have no direct relevance to her/his education.
- III. Offenses should be as clearly defined as possible and interpreted in a manner consistent with the principles of relevancy and reasonableness. Disciplinary proceedings shall be instituted only for violations of standards of conduct as published through such means as a student handbook.
- IV. Due process requires that, in all cases, the student be informed of all charges, be given a fair opportunity to refute them, that the college not be arbitrary in its actions and that there be provisions for the appeal of a decision.

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